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1. On 8 August 1949 there were ten airplanes at the Kiangwan Airfield, Shanghai.
2. Recently the Communists in Shanghai completed the repair of ten former Nationalist fishing boats damaged during the battle for Shanghai. These boats, now flying British and American flags, are anchored at the docks of Butterfield & Swire and of American companies to prevent being bombed by Nationalist planes.

3. In late July, 60 motor-driven junks of various sizes, all loaded with munitions and military equipment, unloaded their cargo at Chefoo and Peng-laihsien (120-45, 37-49). They were escorted by the former Nationalist Minesweeper [] which defected recently to the Communists.

4. In late July, 20,000 Communist troops arrived in the Penglai area from other areas in Shantung*.

Comment. These troops, munitions and equipment were to have been used in the Communist invasion of the Nationalist-occupied Changshan Islands.

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